

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a user with media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

storing a first plurality of information segments in a database;

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a second plurality of information segments selected from the first plurality of stored information segments, ~~wherein at least a portion of each information segment in the second plurality is displayed;~~

allowing the user to select information segments from among the ~~displayed information segments~~ information segments represented by the displayed first indicators;

~~displaying in a sequence,~~ in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing respective information segments selected by a user;

allowing the user to play any one of the respective information segments represented by a corresponding second indicator in the second region;

allowing the user to select a plurality of the second indicators for placement into a third region different from the second region;

displaying in a sequence, in the third region, third indicators corresponding to the selected second indicators; and

allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the third indicators displayed in the ~~second~~ third region to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising loading the user selected information segments into a memory.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

4. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

5. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claims 6-8 (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a presentation of the user selected information segments includes playing, pausing, rewinding, or fast forwarding the corresponding information segments.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user selected information segments include video clips.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

12. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

13. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

14. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a computer.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a television.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

18. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a media player.

20. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments selected from a database, the ~~one or more~~ selected information segments relating to at least one topic selected by a user or by the system, ~~wherein at least a portion of each information segment in the plurality is~~ displayed;

allowing a user an option to view a transcription of an audio portion of a selected information segment;

receiving from the user selections of the one or more information segments represented by respective first indicators displayed in the first region;

displaying, in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing the respective information segments selected by the user, the second indicators having a sequence corresponding to an order in which information segments are selected by the user;

allowing the user to select ~~an~~ a second indicator in the sequence and change the position of the selected second indicator with respect to the other second indicators in the sequence; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the respective second indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective second indicators in the sequence.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, further comprising loading the user selected information segments into a memory.

22. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

23. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

24. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

25. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the second region comprises a virtual cart.

26. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

27. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

28. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

29. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 30 and 31 (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

receiving from a user ~~a selection of one or more topics chosen from among a plurality of displayed topics~~ a request to perform a search and one or more search terms;

searching a database in response to the ~~selection~~ request;

displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments retrieved from the database that ~~relate to the one or more selected topics~~ include at least one of the one or more search terms, ~~at least a portion of each information segment in the plurality being displayed in the first region;~~

displaying, in a second region of a display device different from the first region, ~~an~~ a list comprising at least a second indicator representative of at least one of the plurality of information segments selected by the user from the first region;

arranging the second indicator with at least a ~~second~~ third indicator displayed in the ~~second region~~ list in a sequence, the ~~second~~ third indicator being representative of a second information segment;

allowing the user to select the second indicator and change the position of the second indicator with respect to the ~~second~~ third indicator in the sequence, to generate a selected order of the second and third indicators; and

presenting the selected information segment and the second information segment according to the selected order of the second and third indicators representative thereof in the ~~second region~~ list.

33. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~selection request~~ is received in ~~the a form of a request formulated~~ determined in accordance with a predetermined search template.

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~selection request~~ is derived ~~from~~ based on information stored in a user preference file.

35. (currently amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the ~~selection request~~ is received through a network.

36. (original) The method according to claim 35, wherein the network includes at least part of an Internet.

37. (previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the second region comprises a virtual cart.

38. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

39. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

40. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

41. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 42-45 (cancelled).

46. (currently amended) A system for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user, the system comprising:

a database containing a first plurality of information segments;

a device for displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a second plurality of information segments selected from the first plurality of stored information segments, ~~at least a portion of each information segment in the second plurality being displayed;~~

an interface for allowing a user to select information segments from among the ~~displayed information segments~~ information segments represented by the displayed first indicators;

wherein the device is further configured to:

display, in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing respective user selected information segments, ~~the second indicators being arranged in a sequence;~~

allow the user to play any one of the respective information segments represented by a corresponding second indicator in the second region;

allow the user to select a plurality of the second indicators for placement into a third region different from the second region;

display in a sequence, in the third region, third indicators corresponding to the selected second indicators; and

the system further comprising:

a controller for allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the third indicators displayed in the ~~second~~ third region to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.

47. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising:
a memory into which the user selected information segments are loaded.

48. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

49. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

50. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claim 51 (cancelled).

52. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

53. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

54. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

55. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

56. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a computer for presenting the user selected information segments.

57. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a television for presenting the user selected information segments.

58. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

59. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

60. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a media player for presenting the user selected information segments.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.

62. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:
allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the second region to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented automatically to the user.

63. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, comprising:
presenting automatically the user selected information segments represented by the respective indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.

64. (previously presented) The system of claim 46, further comprising:

a processing unit for providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.

65. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user, the method comprising:

displaying, in a first region of a first page shown on a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments selected from a database, ~~at least a portion of each information segment in the plurality being displayed in the first region;~~

receiving from the user selections of individual information segments from among the plurality of information segments represented by the displayed first indicators, each of the user selected information segments being represented by respective second indicators, the second indicators being different from the corresponding information segments and first indicators;

displaying simultaneously with at least one of the plurality of ~~information segments~~ first indicators, in a second region of the ~~display device~~ first page different from the first region, a list comprising the second indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments, in response to the selection of each individual information segment, the second indicators being displayed in a sequence within the list corresponding to an order in which the information segments are selected;

displaying, on a second page shown on the display device, one or more additional first indicators each representative of a respective one of the plurality of information segments;

displaying the list on the second page simultaneously with the one or more additional first indicators;

allowing the user to select at least one additional information segment represented by the one or more additional first indicators;

displaying, within the list, at least one additional second indicator corresponding to the at least one selected additional information segment, the at least one additional second indicator being displayed in the sequence in a position corresponding to an order in which the at least one additional information segment is selected with respect to the selected information segments;

allowing the user to select an indicator from among the second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator in the sequence list and change the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other second indicators and additional second indicators in the sequence; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the respective second indicators and additional second indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective second indicators and additional second indicators in the sequence.

66. (previously presented) A method for providing a user with media segments in an order selected by the user, comprising:

storing a plurality of video files relating to a plurality of news topics in one or more databases;

displaying, in a first region of a display apparatus, one or more graphical markers representing respective news topics;

receiving from a user a selection of a graphical marker corresponding to a desired news topic;

searching the one or more databases to identify a plurality of video files associated with the desired news topic selected by a user;

displaying to the user, in a second region of the display apparatus different from the first region, a respective descriptor of each of the identified video files;

allowing the user to select, for placement into a third region of the display apparatus different from the first and second regions, individual ones of the displayed descriptors;

displaying in the third region, in response to each selection of a descriptor, an indicator comprising at least a respective text indicative of the video file corresponding to the selected descriptor, the indicators being displayed in a sequence corresponding to an order in which the descriptors are selected by the user;

allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the third region to create a second sequence; and

presenting the video files corresponding to the indicators in third region in accordance with the second sequence.

67. (cancelled)

68. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the indicators is different than the displayed portion of the corresponding stored information segment.

69. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the second plurality of information segments is associated with at least one of a plurality of topics.

70. (previously presented) The method of claim 69, further comprising:

displaying, in a third region of the display device, one or more graphical markers representing respective topics;

receiving from a user a selection of a graphical marker corresponding to a desired topic;
and

displaying, in the first region, a second plurality of the stored information segments associated with the desired topic.

71. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the display of the second plurality of information segments in the first region and the display of the indicators in the second region occur simultaneously.

72. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

allowing the user to select a first information segment from among the second plurality of displayed information segments;

displaying, in the second region, a first indicator representing the first information segment, in response to the user's selection of the first information segment;

allowing the user to select a second information segment from among the second plurality of displayed information segments; and

displaying, in the second region, a second indicator representing the first information segment, in response to the user's selection of the second information segment;

wherein the first indicator precedes the second indicator in the sequence.

73. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

an indicator associated with a first information segment selected by the user precedes within the sequence indicators associated with information segments selected by the user after the selection of the first information segment.

74. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least a portion of each information segment that is displayed in the first region comprises at least a title and a summary of the segment.

75. (new) The method of claim 65, further comprising:

generating, on a third page shown on the display device, a playlist comprising the second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator displayed in the list; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the respective second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator in the sequence in the same order as the respective second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator in the sequence.

76. (new) The method of claim 75, comprising:

allowing the user to select an indicator from among the second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator in the playlist and change the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other second indicators and additional second indicators in the sequence prior to presenting the user selected information segments.

77. (new) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

- displaying, in a third region different from the first and second regions, a plurality of topics;
- allowing the user to select at least one of the displayed topics;
- displaying, in the first region, a plurality of additional indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments retrieved from the database that are related to the at least one selected topic;
- displaying the list in the second region;
- allowing the user to select at least one of the additional indicators; and
- displaying, within the list, a fourth indicator representing the at least one selected additional indicator.

78. (new) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

- displaying, on a second page of the display device, one or more additional first indicators each representative of a respective one of the plurality of information segments retrieved from the database that include at least one of the one or more search terms;
- displaying the list on the second page;
- allowing the user to select at least one of the one or more additional first indicators; and
- displaying, within the list, at least one fourth indicator representing the at least one selected additional first indicator.